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Amendments to the Claims:

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A transmission system for providing conditional access to transmitted data; the system including a transmitter and a plurality of receivers coupled via a network;

- the transmitter including means for transmitting:
 - to all receivers same data encrypted under control of a same authorization key; and
 - to all receivers a same key block with a plurality of entries, where each entry is associated with a respective different device key, at least some of the entries containing a representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key, and
- ~~at least two each of the receivers being associated with a corresponding set of a plurality of device keys, each of~~ at least two of the receivers including:
 - means for receiving the key block and the encrypted data;
 - a first decryptor for retrieving the authorization key by decrypting at least one entry of the key block that is associated with one of the corresponding set of device keys associated with the receiver; and
 - a second decryptor for decrypting the data under control of the authorization key;

~~wherein at least some device keys are shared between said at least two of the receivers).~~

2. (Original) A transmission system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the set of

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device keys associated with each respective one of the receivers is unique for the receiver.

3. (Original) A transmission system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transmitter is operative to disable decryption of the data in a receiver by changing the authorization key and transmitting a key block wherein entries associated with device keys which are associated with a receiver to be revoked contain values other than the representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key.

4. (Currently Amended) A transmission system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the transmitter is operative to re-enable decryption of the data in a disabled receiver by changing the authorization key and transmitting a key block wherein at least one of the entries associated with device keys which are associated with a receiver to be ~~revoked~~ re-enabled contains the representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key.

5. (Original) A transmission system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transmitter is operative to renew a set of device keys of a specific receiver by transmitting to the receiver a new set of device keys encrypted under control of a fixed device key that is unique for the receiver, and wherein the receiver is operative to receive a set of encrypted device keys, and the receiver includes a third decryptor for decrypting the set of encrypted device keys under control of a fixed device key that is unique for the receiver.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A transmitter for use in a transmission system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transmitter is coupled via ~~a~~ the network to ~~a~~ the plurality of receivers; the transmitter including the means for transmitting:

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- to all receivers ~~a~~ the same key block with ~~a~~ the plurality of entries, where each entry is associated with a respective different device key, at least some of the entries containing a representation of ~~an~~ the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key, enabling the receivers to retrieving the authorization key by decrypting at least one entry of the key block that is associated with one of the set of device keys associated with the receiver; and
- to all receivers same data encrypted under control of ~~a~~ the same authorization key, enabling the receivers to retrieve the data by decrypting the data under control of the authorization key.

8. (Currently Amended) A receiver for use in a transmission system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receiver is associated with ~~a~~ the corresponding set of a plurality of device keys; the receiver including:

- means for receiving encrypted data which is the same for all receivers in the system and which is encrypted under control of ~~an~~ the authorization key which is the same for all receivers in the system;
- means for receiving ~~a~~ the key block which is the same for all receivers in the system; the key block including a plurality of entries, where each entry is associated with a respective different device key, at least some of the entries containing a representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key,
- ~~a~~ the first decryptor for retrieving the authorization key by decrypting at least one entry of the key block that is associated with one of the set of device keys associated with the receiver;
- ~~a~~ the second decryptor for decrypting the data under control of the authorization key.

9. (Currently amended) A transmission system for providing conditional access to transmitted data including:

a transmitter and a plurality of receivers coupled via a network;

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the transmitter configured to transmit a same data stream encrypted under control of a same authorization key to all receivers and to all receivers a same key block with a plurality of entries, wherein each entry is associated with a different device key, at least one of the entries containing a representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key, and

~~at least two each~~ of the receivers being configured to receive the key block and the encrypted data, with a first decryptor for retrieving the authorization key by decrypting at least one entry of the key block that is associated with one of ~~the a~~ corresponding set of a plurality of device keys associated with the receiver and a second decryptor for decrypting the data under control of the authorization key; ~~wherein at least some device keys are shared between said at least two of the receivers.~~

10. (Previously Presented) A transmission system as defined in claim 9, wherein the set of device keys associated with each respective one of the receivers is unique for the receiver.

11. (Previously Presented) A transmission system as defined claim 9, wherein the transmitter is operative to disable decryption of the data in a receiver by changing the authorization key and transmitting a key block wherein entries associated with device keys which are associated with a receiver to be revoked contain values other than the representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key.

12. (Currently Amended) A transmission system as defined in claim 11, wherein the transmitter is operative to re-enable decryption of the data in a disabled receiver by changing the authorization key and transmitting a key block wherein at least one of the entries associated with device keys which are associated with a receiver to be ~~revoked~~ re-enabled contains the representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key.

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13. (Previously Presented) A transmission system as defined claim 9, wherein the transmitter is operative to renew a set of device keys of a specific receiver by transmitting to the receiver a new set of device keys encrypted under control of a fixed device key that is unique for the receiver, and wherein the receiver is operative to receive a set of encrypted device keys, and the receiver includes a third decryptor for decrypting the set of encrypted device keys under control of a fixed device key that is unique for the receiver.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A transmitter for use in a transmission system as defined claim 9, wherein the transmitter is coupled via ~~a~~ the network to ~~a~~ the plurality of receivers; the transmitter including the means for transmitting: to all receivers ~~a~~ the same key block with a plurality of entries, where each entry is associated with a respective different device key, at least some of the entries containing a representation of ~~an~~ the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key, enabling the receivers to retrieving the authorization key by decrypting at least one entry of the key block that is associated with one of the set of device keys associated with the receiver; and to all receivers same data encrypted under control of ~~a~~ the same authorization key, enabling the receivers to retrieve the data by decrypting the data under control of the authorization key.

16. (Currently Amended) A receiver for use in a transmission system as defined claim 9, wherein the receiver is associated with ~~a~~ the set of a plurality of device keys; the receiver including:

- means for receiving encrypted data which is the same for all receivers in the system and which is encrypted under control of ~~an~~ the authorization key which is the same for all receivers in the system;

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- means for receiving ~~a~~ the key block which is the same for all receivers in the system; the key block including a plurality of entries, where each entry is associated with a respective different device key, at least some of the entries containing a representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key.
- ~~a~~ the first decryptor for retrieving the authorization key by decrypting at least one entry of the key block that is associated with one of the set of device keys associated with the receiver;
- ~~a~~ the second decryptor for decrypting the data under control of the authorization key.

17. (Previously Presented) A transmission system as defined claim 9, wherein the same key block corresponds to a subset of different device keys contained within the transmitter.

18. (Previously Presented) A transmission system as defined claim 9, wherein the receiver uses the first decryptor and the key block to retrieve the authorization key.

19. (Previously Presented) A transmission system as defined claim 1, wherein the same key block corresponds to a subset of different device keys contained within the transmitter.

20. (Previously Presented) A transmission system as defined claim 1, wherein the receiver uses the first decryptor and the key block to retrieve the authorization key.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for providing conditional access to transmitted data over a network including a transmitter and a plurality of receivers, at ~~least two~~ each of said receivers being associated with a corresponding set of a plurality of device keys, said method comprising the steps of:

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transmitting the same data to all receivers, wherein said same data is encrypted under control of a same authorization key;

transmitting to all receivers a same key block with a plurality of entries, where each entry is associated with a respective different device key, at least some of the entries containing a representation of the authorization key encrypted with the associated device key;

receiving at each receiver the key block and the encrypted data;

retrieving the authorization key at one or more of said plurality of receivers by decrypting at least one entry of the key block that is associated with one of the corresponding set of device keys associated with the receiver; -and

decrypting the data at said one or more of said plurality of receivers under control of the authorization key;

~~wherein at least some device keys are shared between at least two of said receivers.~~

22. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the set of device keys associated with each respective one of the receivers is unique for the receiver.

23. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein at least some device keys are shared between at least two of the receivers.

24. (New) The system of claim 9, wherein at least some device keys are shared between at least two of the receivers.

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